

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-5 and 7-32 are pending. Claim 6 has been previously canceled. No claims have been withdrawn from consideration. No claims are currently amended. No claims are currently added. Reconsideration of the application is requested.

**§ 102 Rejections**

Claims 1-5 and 7-32 stand rejected under 35 USC § 102(a) or 102(e) as being anticipated by WO 2003/086492. The rejection is traversed. Applicants note that the reference is equivalent to U.S. 7,005,143 (Abuelyaman et al.), to which remarks and arguments are addressed.

Applicant's Agent provides herewith a Declaration from the inventors of U.S. Patent 7,005,143 stating: that the reference neither teaches, discloses nor contemplates the first component oligomer described in claim 1 of the instant application, and the first component oligomer will not inherently form using the monomers and methods described in U.S. Patent 7,005,143.

It would be improper to construe the reference in contradiction to the inventors of this reference. The Declaration is signed by all inventors of U.S. Patent 7,005,143, except for Paul Hattam, who has left the company. Applicant's Agent has been unable to contact him.

The rejection of claims 1-5 and 7-32 stand rejected under 35 USC § 102(a) or 102(e) as being anticipated by WO 2003/086492 (U.S. 7,005,143, Abuelyaman et al.) has been overcome and should be withdrawn.

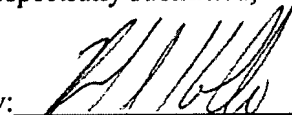
In view of the above, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Examination and reconsideration of the application is requested. Applicant's Agent is available to discuss this Response and advance this case to issuance.

Respectfully submitted,

Date

8/5/07

By:



Kent S. Kokko, Reg. No.: 33,931  
Telephone No.: 651-733-3597

Office of Intellectual Property Counsel  
3M Innovative Properties Company  
Facsimile No.: 651-736-3833